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**RESPONSE**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2006 in regard to the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully solicited in light of the following amendment and remarks.